RECEIVED

From:

Richard Wainscoat [wainscoat@me.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:57 PM

May 10 9 08 AM 12

To: Cc:

Subject:

City Council Public Hearing Testimony

CITY CLERK (HONOLULU, HAWAII)

Testimony on Bill 11

Richard Wainscoat 16 N Kalaheo Ave Kailua, HI 96734

I am a resident of Kailua, and I am opposed to Bill 11 in its present form. I urge you to consider some of the issues more carefully. A complete ban of commercial activity is unwise.

I was planning to take kitesurfing lessons at Kailua Beach over summer. The proposed ban would prevent me. My 16 year old son has taken several kitesurfing lessons at Kailua Beach from one of the Kailua Water Sports companies. He needs more lessons to become proficient. The proposed ban will prevent him from becoming proficient in this sport.

In its present form, the bill will create a monopoly for kayak rentals from the company that is located very close to the beach. It will not prevent people from renting kayaks from them and taking them to the beach themselves.

In its present form, the bill will prevent instruction in use of kayaks and prevent kayak tours. This will result in more inexperienced use of kayaks, and people venturing out in conditions that are beyond their ability, possibly leading to tragic consequences.